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# REPORT

OF THE

Board of Police Commissioners

TO THE

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## OF MARYLAND.

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# REPORT

## OFFICE BOARD OF POLICE,

BALTIMORE, February 1st, 1865.

To the Honorable

Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland:

Sir:—This Board has the honor in accordance with the requirements of the 48th section of the 4th Article of Public Local Laws, to enclose to you and through you to the Legislature of Maryland their Annual Report for the year 1864.

Yours, respectfully,

SAMUEL HINDES,

President.

# REPORT.

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OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS,  
BALTIMORE, December 31st, 1864.

*To the Honorable*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Police of the City of Baltimore, ordained under the provisions of the forty-second section of the fourth article of the Code of Public Local Laws, have the honor, in obedience to the forty-eighth article, to make this their third Annual Report:

Have to say that the duties of a Policeman are many, varied, trying, and not unfrequently perilous; sometimes very monotonous, then suddenly changing into the exciting and critical, requiring sound judgment, with a quick perception to see the right and a strong purpose to do.

They are exposed to all weather, storm or calm, summer's sun and winter's long dreary nights. When all else may be housed and comfortable in the stillness of night, it is his duty to watch for eleven hours by night and thirteen hours by day.

In March, it became the duty of the Board to make some important changes in the higher offices of the department. Thos. H. Carmichael was appointed Chief Marshal, John S. Manly, was appointed Deputy Marshal.

The peace and order of the city during the first six months of the year was all that could be expected in a great city like ours.

Great excitement existed in our midst from the 8th to the 15th of July. With the first announcement of the battle of Monocacy, came the many varied reports, which produced intense excitement and the suspension of all business. It became the duty of this Board to continue their sessions both day and night, that they might leave nothing undone to be ready for any emergency, and thereby to preserve the quiet of the city, which we think is not saying too much, when we say the allaying of the excitement was in a great measure



owing to the very extraordinary exertions of our officers and men. The Marshal, Deputy Marshals, Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants, with each and every man, deserve our highest commendation for the noble manner in which they discharged their respective duties, and believe that the citizens and military authorities will bear us out in saying the police force aided them largely on many important occasions in preparing for the defence of the city.

The city, as is known to most of your honorable body, is divided into four Police Districts, as follows: Eastern, Middle, Western and Southern Districts, all of which are as nearly equal as circumstances will admit, excepting the Middle, which, being in the centre of the city, has one-third more men than either the other Districts.

The entire force consists of 349 officers and men, whom we believe to be polite, courteous and attentive in the discharge of their duties to citizens and strangers at all times and under all circumstances; indeed, often have the members of the Board been complimented by strangers visiting our city, for their gentlemanly bearing, and their marked attention extended to them at the several railroad depots and on the great thoroughfares.

During the July excitement, at the urgent request of a large and influential committee of citizens, the Board employed 375 extra men for four nights only.

The Detective force of five men have been faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duties. This part of the force has rendered good service to the General Government, in many instances, which would not be proper to state.

The report of the Marshal as to the number of arrests, and the amount of goods and money recovered and returned to the owners from the 17th March, 1864, to December 31st, 1864, you will find appended to this report.

This force has been in existence nearly three years, each year giving experience for future profit.

There has been three elections during the year, yet the good order of the city has been preserved.

The discipline of the force we believe to be equal to that of any city in the Union.

This discipline is preserved by placing on the force men of reputation, who are interested in maintaining the good character of the force, and are willing to observe the rules.

In order to preserve the discipline of the force, it has been the duty of the Board to dismiss forty-one officers for violation of the rules.

There have been twenty-nine resignations and three deaths during the year.

The Board continue to feel the great responsible duty of "preserving the public peace, preventing crime, protecting persons and property, guarding the public health," and at the same time to enforce the laws and ordinances of the city. The reports will show that the number of aggravated cases or cases of high misdemeanor have been very few. The great majority of cases being for minor offenses, yet subjected to arrest, as "drunk and disorderly" has been the great burden of the daily reports.

The police law constituted the City Register, John A. Thompson, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, which position he held with much satisfaction to the Board until the 19th March, 1864, when he declined to serve any longer. Since that time the Board have made their requisitions through the Comptroller, Samuel Maccubbin, Esq., on the City Register for the amount necessary to meet their wants every two weeks, all of which have been promptly paid.

It remains with your Honorable Body to appoint a Treasurer, or allow the Board to continue to draw their requisitions through the Comptroller, as they have done since Mr. Thompson's declination.

In reviewing the responsible trust committed to their care by the General Assembly of Maryland, they desire to say that they have devoted their entire time and energies to the welfare of the force and the best interest of the city, in endeavoring to elevate the police force to the highest point of excellence. Of their success and the manner in which the duties have been performed, we refer you to the community at large.

The following statements are respectfully submitted :

Statement A, being an account of receipts and disbursements from January 1st, to December 31st, 1864.

Statement B will show the condition and workings of special fund, from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1864.

Statement C, showing the number of arrests and amount of goods and money recovered by the Detective force from March 17th to Dec. 31st, 1864.

Statement D, showing the number of arrests made, and for what offences from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1864.

Statement E, showing the number of officers and policemen in service, Dec. 31st, 1864.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL HINDES,

*President.*



## STATEMENT A.

*Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Police  
from January 1st to December 31st, 1864*

RECEIPTS.	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS
Balance January 1st, 1864....	*\$99 28	
From Mayor and City Council on requisition of the Board from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1864..	259,867 88	
From uniform account.....	826 62	
From Stations.....	12 00	
DISBURSEMENTS.		
<i>Commissioners' Department—</i>		
For salaries of Commissioners, Clerk, Messenger, Janitor, for office expenses, repairs, fuel, &c.....		\$6,288 85
<i>Marshal's Department—</i>		
For salaries of Marshal, Deputy Marshal, Detectives, Clerk, and office expenses, fuel, &c.....		7,916 29
<i>Eastern District—</i>		
For pay-rolls of Officers and Po- licemen, and for repairs of Sta- tion-house, fuel, light, &c.....		56,201 80
<i>Middle District—</i>		
For pay-rolls of Officers and Po- licemen, and for repairs of Sta- tion-house, fuel, light, &c.....		81,042 22
<i>Western District—</i>		
For pay-rolls of Officers and Po- licemen, and for repairs of Sta- tion-house, fuel, light, &c.....		53,191 77
Amounts forwarded.....	\$260,805 78	\$204,641 93

\*The balance per last printed war \$123.04—it should have been \$99.28, as above.



## STATEMENT B.

## SPECIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS
Balance on hand January 1, 1864,	\$694 02	.....
<i>Eastern District.</i>		
For fines and costs imposed by Magistrates for daily reports and fines by Board for violation of rules.....	2118 87	.....
<i>Middle District.</i>		
For fines and costs imposed by Magistrates for daily reports and fines by Board for violation of rules of the department, \$2054 62 Received for arresting as deserter..... 30 00	2084 62	.....
<i>Western District.</i>		
For fines and costs imposed by Mag- istrates for daily reports and fines by Board for violation of rules of the department.....	1867 54	.....
<i>Southern District.</i>		
Fines and costs imposed by Magis- trates as per daily reports and fines by Board for violation of rules of the department.....	1508 69	.....
Interest on U. S. bonds.....	332 15	.....
Amount carried forward.....	8605 89	



## STATEMENT B—Continued.

## SPECIFIC FUND.

RECEIPTS.	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS
Amount brought forward.....	\$8605 89	
For incidental expenses at Eastern District.....		334 22
“ “ at Middle “ .....		330 25
“ “ at Western “ .....		308 75
“ “ at Southern “ .....		280 72
“ “ at Marshal's Department..		493 05
Fines remitted.....		153 50
Disabled Policemen, funerals and meritorious conduct.....		719 50
Interest on U. S. Bonds.....		93 95
U. S. Bonds.....		5500 00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1864.....		391 95
	\$8605 89	\$8605 89
RECAPITULATION.		
U. S. bonds on hand Jan. 1, 1864,	\$2000 00	
“ “ purchased since “	5500 00	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1864.....	391 95	
Total amount of special fund.....	\$7891 95	

## STATEMENT C.

*Report of Arrests and Recovery of Goods by the Detective Force of Baltimore City, from March 17 to Dec. 31, 1864.*

*Number of Arrests—63.*

*Description and Valuation of Goods Recovered :*

Money.....	\$10,548 00
Goods .....	3,958 00
Watches .....	2,650 00
Jewelry.....	1,005 00
Horses.....	1,865 00
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	\$20,026 00

All of which has been returned to the proper owners, except about \$18 worth of clothing in a case not settled by the court.

Respectfully,

THOS. H. CARMICHAEL,  
*Marshal of Police.*

# STATEMENT D.

Annual Report of the number of Arrests made by the Police Department for the year 1864.

MONTH.	Assault and battery.	Assault with intent to kill.	Ass't with intent to commit a rape	Assault with intent to rob.	Assault on officers.	Assaulting and stabbing	Assaulting wives.	Arson.	Abusing.	Abusing families	Abusing horses	Breach of ordinances.	Breach of the peace.	Burglary.	Committed to House of Refuge.	Desecration of the Sabbath.	Disturbing public worship.
January.....	66	1	1	1	4	4	5	35	1	139	100	1	100	1	1	1	1
February.....	66	3	1	1	5	3	4	47	13	128	161	1	161	5	5	1	1
March.....	57	4	1	1	7	3	3	60	16	151	214	7	214	7	1	7	1
April.....	50	10	4	5	6	4	10	41	16	168	139	4	139	5	2	10	1
May.....	113	11	1	1	6	13	13	63	10	210	154	3	154	10	10	13	1
June.....	107	11	1	1	5	9	9	69	10	163	166	10	166	2	2	5	1
July.....	108	6	1	1	3	9	9	69	6	88	222	6	222	4	4	4	1
August.....	142	4	1	1	1	1	7	82	8	65	194	8	194	7	7	4	1
September.....	82	1	1	1	1	1	7	56	3	81	172	3	172	5	5	1	1
October.....	82	6	1	1	1	3	3	35	3	63	150	3	150	2	2	1	1
November.....	80	9	1	1	1	4	2	21	5	50	154	5	154	2	2	1	1
December.....	68	7	1	1	1	1	7	35	1	95	140	1	140	2	2	1	1
	1031	73	7	7	33	15	79	3	613	74	71401	1966	7	46	43	3	3



STATEMENT D—Continued.

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MONTH.	Fast driving.	Fraud	False pretences.	Fornication and bastardy.	Fighting in the street.	Gambling.	Horse stealing.	Hose breaking.	Inciting to riot.	Insulting ladies on the street.	Intoxication.	Keeping disorderly houses.	Larceny.	Murder.	Peddling without license.	Pickpockets.	Passing counterfeit money.
January.....	8	3	1	1	11	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	378	.....	63	2	2	2	.....
February.....	20	3	.....	.....	15	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	330	1	40	2	.....	.....	.....
March.....	21	.....	1	.....	26	2	.....	.....	.....	1	445	1	59	.....	.....	1	.....
April.....	14	1	1	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	430	1	79	.....	1	1	.....
May.....	15	1	2	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	542	.....	54	.....	.....	1	.....
June.....	31	3	4	.....	18	6	2	1	2	6	457	.....	57	2	1	1	.....
July.....	14	.....	2	.....	23	.....	2	1	.....	.....	562	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....
August.....	2	.....	3	.....	19	.....	5	.....	.....	2	609	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....
September.....	12	.....	3	.....	10	17	1	.....	.....	1	527	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
October.....	12	.....	1	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	579	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	2
November.....	19	1	1	.....	10	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	593	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	4
December.....	10	1	3	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	558	.....	53	1	.....	.....	.....
	178	13	22	1	206	42	10	2	2	12	6010	3	622	7	2	6	6

STATEMENT D—Continued.

MONTH.	Rioting.	Rape.	Receiving stolen goods.	Robbery.	Threatening to kill.	Threatening as-sault.	Threatening ar-son.	Vending lottery policies.	Vagrants.	Perjury.	Runaway slaves.	Bigamy.	Interfering with officers.	Illegal voting.	Aggregate.	Committed for trial.	Committed for examination.	Bailed for trial.	Bailed to keep the peace.	Committed in default of bail.
January	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	7	2	1	1	..	..	734	46	20	51	313	304
February	..	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	846	39	18	46	307	436
March	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	1114	95	43	50	393	533
April	..	1	1	1	2	..	1	..	14	..	..	1	6	..	1061	130	84	71	159	617
May	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	..	31	..	..	3	4	..	1292	109	76	63	215	829
June	..	2	..	5	5	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	1	..	1183	82	63	50	203	785
July	..	..	2	5	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	6	..	1204	57	39	52	237	819
August	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	2	..	1238	69	39	60	191	879
September	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	13	..	..	..	4	..	1058	40	38	30	162	788
October	..	..	3	1	3	1	..	..	14	..	..	..	4	..	1037	37	48	41	122	789
November	15	1	1	6	1	..	..	..	18	3	..	1	1	3	1047	38	70	18	119	802
December	..	..	1	6	3	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	3	..	1047	25	68	22	108	824
	16	9	15	35	16	4	6	1	214	5	4	5	31	3	12,861	767	606	554	2529	8405

STATEMENT D—*Continued.*

The following figures will show the number of lodgers and those discharged without trial in the several Station Houses during the present year:

White—Males..... 4,145

Females..... 1,489

5,634

Colored—Males..... 682

Females..... 609

1,291 Aggregate..... 6,925

Respectfully submitted to Board of Police,

THOS. H. CARMICHAEL,

*Marshal.*

Per JOHN L. THOMAS, *Clerk.*



## STATEMENT E.

*Permanent Police Force of the City of Baltimore, December  
31st, 1864.*

*Board of Police.*

SAMUEL HINDS, *President.*

NICHOLAS L. WOOD.

*Ex-officio*, Hon. JOHN LEE CHAPMAN, *Mayor of the City.*

*Secretary to the Board,*

GEO. W. TAYLOR.

*Marshal,*

THOS. H. CARMICHAEL.

*Deputy Marshal,*

JOHN S. MANLY.

*Clerk at Marshal's Office,*

JOHN L. THOMAS, SR.

*Recapitulation.*

Marshal.....	1	
Deputy Marshal.....	1	
Captains.....	4	
Lieutenants.....	8	
Sergeants.....	24	
Turnkeys.....	8	
Total number of officers.....	—	46
<i>Policemen—</i>		
Eastern District.....	67	
Middle “.....	103	
Western “.....	64	
Southern “.....	64	
Total number of policemen.....	—	298
Detective officers.....		5
Total number of force.....		349



